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MANOR PLEASE PASS COL HARDIN, JRC

REF: JCS 10115 SEP 72

SUBJECT: SPECIAL GIANT NAIL MISSION

1. THERE ARE ONLY TWO "H" CAMERAS EXTANT; ONE IS CURRENTLY
UNDERGOING TESTS SUBSEQUENT TO RECENT MODIFICATION
(EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL NET NOV 72); THE OTHER CAMERA
IS OPERATIONALLY READY AND IS ASSIGNED TO THE TACKLE
PROGRAM, CURRENTLY TASKED FOR PHOTOGRAPHY OF FORT BAYARD.

ADVISES THEY CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT REGARDING LOAN TO
SAC UNTIL FORT BAYARD PHOTOGRAPHY HAS BEEN ACQUIRED OR THE
SECOND CAMERA HAS BEEN CERTIFIED OPS READY.

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2. A "B-2" CAMERA CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

25X1 FROM [] FOR LOAN TO SAC. THIS CAMERA IS CAPABLE OF

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PRODUCING APPROX 1.5 FT GROUND RESOLUTION AT NADIR AND
PROBABLY TWO OR THREE FEET AT 35 MILES FROM NADIR. THE
USE OF THE B-2 SHOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE A GOOD COMPARISON WITH
THE IRIS II SINCE ITS GROUND COVERAGE IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF
THE IRIS. THE B-2 WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ONLY ON A
LOAN BASIS AS WELL, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE AN OPTION AT THE COM-
PLETION OF THE COMPARISON TESTS TO RUN A CURRENTLY STORED
B-1 CAMERA THROUGH A FACTORY CHECKOUT AND PEAKING CYCLE
(APPROX 2 WEEK TIME PERIOD) AND ASSIGN IT TO SAC AT OL-RU
PERMITTING THE BORROWED B-2 TO BE RETURNED TO

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3. THE LOAN OF THE B-2 WOULD BE ACCCOMPANIED BY ITS HATCH FOR THE
U-2R, A TECHNICIAN, FILM FOR FOUR MISSIONS, ETC.

25X1 4. WITH YOUR APPROVAL OF ABOVE, WILL COORDINATE DELIVERY25X1 OF THE CAMERA AND EQUIPMENT TO WOULD REQUEST JRC INSTRUCT

25X1 CINCPAC/CINCPACAF TO PROVIDE C-130 (CHURCH DOOR TYPE) AT REQUEST

25X1 OF TO TRANSPORT CAMERA, ETC., TO AND RETURN.

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